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Manhattan woman campaigns to the break silence about taboo subjects of depression, suicide after 12-year-old son took own life

Karen Ingram
Staff Writer

Manhattan resident Martha Stevens can talk calmly about her son, Ian Atchison, who died five years ago this March. She will talk about him to anyone who will listen and this fact, she said, makes many people uncomfortable.

"If Ian had died of cancer or cystic fibrosis, people would be like, 'Way to go, Martha, you're going after the thing that killed your son,'" Stevens said. "But because he died of suicide, people don't want to hear about it, and that angers me."

Atchison was only 12 years old and in the sixth grade when he took his own life. Stevens found him and performed CPR. When first responders arrived on the scene, they took over and worked to save his life.

"They would not give up on a child," Stevens said. "They were heroes. They were princes."

Atchison was airlifted to Kansas City, where Stevens and her ex-husband sat by his side for four days, but Atchison never regained consciousness. Eventually, his family made the difficult decision to terminate life support.

"It's an odd sort of gratitude, but I had four days to talk to him and sing to him," Stevens said. "Most parents I've spoken to have not had that."

In the days following Atchison's death, Stevens said she started out strong with a desire to help everyone else. She kept busy by planning the funeral and speaking with the parents of his classmates, but after the funeral, she said, the real work began — living in a world without her son.

"I wanted badly to die. I wanted to be with Ian," Stevens said. "I think what stopped me in those early days was, I couldn't figure out where. Having found my son, I didn't want anyone to find me."

Stevens said she began developing symptoms of post-traumatic stress, like flashbacks, nightmares and insomnia, while Atchison was still in the hospital.

Although the symptoms have gotten better, they persist to this day and she still requires medication to help her sleep and struggles when everyday tasks can trigger an episode.

Grocery shopping was, and still is, difficult because the sight of his favorite foods can reduce her to tears. Halloween is especially difficult, she said, because of the fake gravestones and hanging skeletons or mannequin "corpses" everywhere.

Laurie Wesely, assistant director for clinical services at K-State, said those she has talked

depression and insomnia.

"I knew the signs and I did not put them together," Stevens said. "The guilt can be incredible."

For months afterwards, Stevens looked for a suicide note from Atchison to explain why he had chosen to take his own life.

"But there was no note," Stevens said. "He was just gone."

Stevens said it is difficult to point to any one thing as the cause of suicide, as it is usually a very complicated thing with many factors involved, a sentiment shared by Aaron Gier, Manhattan resident, who lost a close friend to suicide in December 2011.

Gier said he has heard people express anger because his friend left behind a 7-month-old daughter when he died.

"You don't know what he was going through at the time," Gier said he told them. "I don't judge people for their actions."

Wesely said all the people she has talked to who have attempted suicide say the same thing, that they thought they were thinking so clearly at the time and had thought everything through so carefully. In hindsight, they told her, they realized they were not thinking clearly at all.

"I think any of us can get in that space," Wesely said. "I think feelings of being trapped and not having any options can make anyone feel that way."

Three months after her son's death, Stevens came to the conclusion that she could no longer cope alone; Manhattan, however, does not have a local survivors of suicide group.

The nearest available support group is in Topeka, so Stevens went online looking for help and discovered a support group called Parents of Suicides. She requested to speak to someone who had lost their child in a similar manner to the way Atchison died, so that they would know exactly what she was going through.

A match was found and Stevens found comfort in being able to talk about her thoughts and feelings, no matter how dark, with people who would listen and understand.

"They have saved my life, over and over and over," Stevens said. "Finding your peers is so very important."

Stevens is now a moderator of the online support group and is registered in the state of Tennessee — the state where the group was founded — in suicide prevention.

Like her own experience, Stevens said she has found it is not uncommon for parents and others who have lost someone they love to suicide to become suicidal themselves. She said



Ian Atchison, pictured here at age 11, took his own life approximately one year after this photo was taken. "Ian was a wonderful boy and the way he died does not define who he is. He had an illness," said Martha Stevens, Manhattan resident and Ian's mother. Stevens is now an advocate for suicide prevention and education.

that one person dies of suicide every 15 minutes in the United States, averaging 101 people every day. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among Americans aged 15 to 24 years old, and the sixth leading cause between the ages of 5 and 15.

Treatable conditions, such

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Martha Stevens
Manhattan Resident

to who know someone who died by suicide never get over it.

"It's a grief that doesn't end," Wesely said. "And part of it is that 'Why? What could I have done?'"

Stevens said, in retrospect, her son gave signs that he was suicidal over a six-month period before he died, but because they were not conglomerated, she said, the signs went unrecognized. Many of the symptoms are similar to normal adolescent behavior, such as mood swings, bouts of

she has a knack for picking up on members who are in the greatest despair and helping them, and she believes she has saved several lives.

"You have to ask hard questions: 'Do you have a plan for taking your life tonight? Tell me about your plan,'" Stevens said. "What keeps me going is giving back. I still have periods when I don't think I'm going to make it, but it's not every day anymore."

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention reports

as depression and substance abuse, are present in the majority of suicides. Stevens said she felt the social stigma over mental illness causes a lot of people to be hesitant to seek help.

"I am quite free in saying I'm ill. There are many ill people out there who cannot say 'I'm ill,'" Stevens said. "Mental illness is like a civil war, a war in your own body. It's not fair for a child to have to fight those battles."

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Work still needed to eradicate discrimination in United States



Andy Rao

In the 236-year history of the United States, words like “freedom” and “opportunity” have dominated the descriptions of our nation. The glory of the U.S. came with the idea that every man, woman and child has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Beneath the rosy picture and promises of unparalleled freedom, however, the U.S. reeked with undertones of inequality and discrimination. Whether the barrier was race, religion, gender, age, socioeconomic background or sexual orientation, among others, there was a constant assembly of obstacles that were set to restrain those who were considered second-class citizens from realizing their dreams. It took the efforts of icons such as Martin Luther King Jr., Susan B. Anthony, Malcolm X and each of their thousands of followers to change the discriminatory laws that were woven into the legal system. Although movements for equality did in fact create waves of political and social change, it's easy to say discrimination is not even close to being eradicated in the U.S. Jim Crow, though in a much more subtle manner, does in fact still exist. For example, more than a decade after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, thousands of American Muslims still face the backlash of hatred based on their religion. The anti-Muslim sentiment had grown so heated that a congressional hearing was conducted last March to address the issue. Since

the Sept. 11 attacks, there have been 800 recorded counts of violence, vandalism and arson against those who were believed to be of Muslim, Arab or South Asian descent, according to a March 2011 Reuters article featured in the Huffington Post. “Racism and prejudice definitely still exists in America,” said Collin Huerter, sophomore in political science and international relations. “I think that legislation reinforces stereotypes. That and if you look at the growing class gap, it's evident that there's a cycle of discrimination.” Race and religion aren't the only forms of discrimination. Women are also victims of the systemic cycle of prejudice. It is an astonishing fact that 38 years after legislation designed to enforce equality in the workplace, the Equal Pay Act is consistently and blatantly violated; according to *dosomething.org*, women today still only earn 72 cents to every dollar a man earns. “I think it's continually gotten better over time,” said Kari Sommers, sophomore in elementary education. “We do still have a long way to go, but the encouraging thing is that we've come a long way, too.” With all of this said, I think there are some encouraging signs. We have taken legitimate steps to curb the amount of discrimination in the U.S. One K-State student says that she doesn't feel discriminated against despite being

from a different background than the average American. “I think it depends on what people are exposed to,” said Halima Shehu, sophomore in environmental design. “If people haven't had good experiences with a certain group, I think there will be more discrimination.” Shehu, who is a Nigerian-born American Muslim, also said that she has not experienced significant discrimination in the U.S. compared to other places that she has lived. “I feel like the United States discriminates less than other countries,” she

said. “If I think back to some of my experiences in other countries, it's a lot less prevalent here.” The U.S. has come a long way from the days of slavery, segregation and legal oppression. This nation, however, still has a lot of work to do. Embedded into our culture lies the remnants of our rocky past. If we do not strive to achieve the levels of equality that the inhabitants of this nation were promised, we will only continue to sow the seeds of hatred, intolerance and bigotry. The only way to stop

discrimination is to hold ourselves accountable and monitor our attitudes toward others of a different race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status and sexual orientation. Understanding that we are all human beings who all have similar needs and wants is key, and until we come to that realization we will continue to struggle against the endless cycle of discrimination and prejudice. I do, however, maintain

hope in the values of this great nation. The U.S., despite the turmoil of the past, has overcome the challenges of building such a diverse society. Nowhere else in the world has there been such a level of success in integration, and I sincerely believe we will continue the fight against discrimination and prejudice. Andy Rao is a sophomore in finance and accounting. Please send comments to opinion@kstatecollegian.com.



Illustration by Yosuke Michishita

TO THE POINT

Mace is one option for self defense

To the point is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinon.

As Mace has become more prevalent on campuses across the nation, the issue has arisen of whether it is a defense tactic or a weapon. We, as an editorial board, have come to the conclusion that Mace is something that makes people feel safer while carrying, while also being a simple means of defense. Mace can be used to fend off people who are attacking others in public. It can be used as either an individual precaution or used for the defense of someone else. Holding Mace while walking to or from your car or a building both decreases fear and anxiety and increases the odds that you will be able to defend yourself if an assailant tries to attack. There are a few precautions that people who choose to carry Mace need to take. We decided that there are some necessary techniques for using and storing Mace. When leaving your Mace either on your keys, in your pocket or in your purse, make sure that it is secure. Don't throw it around if attached to your keys; it may go off in the room you are in, in your purse or in your pocket, which doesn't help anyone, especially innocent bystanders. There are other options on campus that people need to be informed about than just carrying around Mace as a personal defense against attackers. On the K-State campus, there is Wildcat Walk. Students and staff can call 10 minutes or so before they need to leave where they are and someone will come out to walk you to where you need to be. Also, walk with other people if you are outside of campus. Take basic common knowledge advice like walking in well-lit areas with people you know. Stay on public access streets and sidewalks, where if something were to happen, there might be other people around to help or report the situation. A canister of Mace is something that could be a wise investment when addressing personal safety. If you tend to find yourself walking alone, investing in Mace would probably be good for your own personal safety and confidence. There are always other resources available for community members of K-State, but in an in-the-moment attack, it might help to have some Mace in hand.

Adopt for right the reasons, not overpopulation fix



Darrington Clark

Our world is currently full of problems that some of the brightest minds on earth have yet to solve. In situations like those, the media and other sources will often turn to the common man for the solution. Commercials promising to feed a child for a dollar a day or monetary programs to keep an endangered tiger safe are among the most popular uses of this tactic. Earth's overpopulation is one of these global issues that the public is called on to help combat through an extreme and personal decision: adoption. However, adopting a child is too important of a process to undertake for any reason except personal aspiration and the desire to change a child's life. I believe that people have to understand that before they continue with such a monumental decision. Adoption, much like anything else, can be and is done for completely the wrong reasons. Some people adopt to claim a boost on their tax income. Other people will choose to adopt to prove a point or to show how “caring” and “loving” they are, without actually having any interest in the children. I know two children who were adopted and instantly put to work in their new home, and since then have been used as nothing but labor. These corrupt uses of adoption should not overshadow its design, however, and its main purpose to allow children to have a second chance at a normal and productive childhood, which is the best reason for adoption in the first place. Research from *adoptionUSKids.org* shows that there are more than 120,000 American children awaiting adoption in the United States. That number is constantly fluctuating and the economic situations of the decade contribute to it. Purely by numbers, it would take less than 1 percent of the American population to give every one of those children a home, but there are multiple facets to consider, including families who want a baby from a different country and the number of people who are actually adopting. Considering the number of

children awaiting adoption, the idea of adoption as a way to alleviate overpopulation issues truly isn't a bad one. If more couples adopt children, as opposed to having their own, a child will have a home without adding more people to the inevitable overpopulation issue. Though the idea is solid, I can't get myself to believe that it's a good enough reason on its own to forgo having biological children. “Adoption is not just a notion,” said William Allee, retired postal worker and resident of Kansas City, Mo. “Adopting a child means taking on a life altering role, a role of providing emotional, financial and unconditional support to a child.” Allee has cared for several children throughout his relationships, some of whom were under his legal custody, some of whom were not. Allee said no matter what the situation is, it's necessary to go into the adoption process

with only the benefit of bettering a life in mind. “I know several people with adopted children,” Allee said. “The process is long and “Adoption is not just a notion. Adopting a child means taking on a life altering role, a role of providing emotional, financial and unconditional support to a child.” William Allee Kansas City, MO., resident has lasting effects. Anyone who has the heart and the mindset to go through with the God-awful adoption system gets their kudos from me.” Allee sided with the argument of adoption for

overpopulation, but he also believed that much more should be considered before going through with adoption. “There are people who do it just to look cool, and not because they want babies. The mistake comes when people realize that you can't go and put your adopted child to sleep if they turn out to be too big for your yard,” Allee said. “It's a bummer when you see these stars with adopted children, and they break up. What are those kids going to do now? That's heartbreaking.” Here are some things to keep in mind when it comes to adoption: There are many women who turn to adoption because they cannot have their own children, but for couples who are able to have kids, the birthing process is an important step in connecting emotionally with the child. The age of adoption is also important to consider, as well as the cost.

Adopting from firms and private agencies can cost anywhere from \$5,000 to \$35,000, according to the Child Welfare Information Gateway and adoption.com. I believe that it is unfair to expect the couples of the world to try to solve global issues like overpopulation. Adoption has many more and far better reasons to be done, and if it helps our planet at the same time, that's wonderful. It is simply too easy to turn a good cause into a less than ideal situation for a child by not considering every aspect of the decision. If you do ever consider adoption, please make sure that all of the factors cross your mind before making the decision to change your life and the life of others. Darrington Clark is a freshman in journalism and mass communications. Please send comments to opinion@kstatecollegian.com.



Illustration by Erin Logan

SUICIDE | Stigma stops people from seeking help

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Wesely agreed there is a stigma about seeking help for depression and suicide. Students who come to Counseling Services at K-State are often burdened with two ideas: that someone will think they are crazy or that they are wasting someone's time with their problems.

"Counseling isn't for crazy people. It's for anyone who hits a bump in the road," Wesely said. "And who doesn't hit a bump?"

Likewise, Wesely said, it is important for students not to be afraid to seek help, no matter how big or small their problems are.

"It's not a waste of our time. That's why we're here," Wesely said. "The quicker you seek help, the quicker your resolu-

tion."

The Office of Student Life also has resources available for students, faculty and staff who are worried about the well-being of a student at K-State.

"I think the important thing is talking to somebody," Wesely said. "Everybody's here to help. We want to help students be successful."

Heather Reed, associate dean of student life and director of the Office of Student Life, said anyone who has concerns about a student are welcome to call, email or come by the office at 102 Holton Hall. If the person wishes to remain anonymous, a handwritten letter or phone call is best, Reed said.

Another resource that is available is the Student of Concern form. Concerned parties

can go to the Office of Student Life's website to fill out the form if they worry a student may be a danger to themselves or others. The form is sent to multiple parties at once, including Reed, to ensure fast turnaround time.

The office then contacts the student in question, usually by phone, to ask them if they are all right and offer different options to help them. Sometimes students who are contacted say they are fine and decline help, but all of the students appreciate that someone cares, Reed said.

"When someone is struggling, we want to reach out and help," Reed said. "It's part of the K-State way, helping each other."

Stevens said the world can

be a hard place when you can not see past the wrongs, but it is important to stay strong. Above her sink are a series of quotes to inspire her when she is feeling down.

Her favorite one reads, "Courage does not always roar. Sometimes it is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'"

Students with questions about themselves or others regarding depression, stress, suicide or other concerns may contact Counseling Services at 785-532-6927 or the Office of Student Life at 785-532-6432.

Theatre student finds fulfillment in stage managing

Jakki Thompson
Assistant News Editor

In any theatre department, there are students who are some of the most important people in the production, yet are rarely seen. Many of these students are technical support students who run lights, sound, hair and makeup and the general management of the show.

Emily White, freshman in theatre with an emphasis in stage management and scenic design, has created a niche in the theatre world at K-State.

"K-State does things differently than high school," White said. "There is such a higher level of professionalism at the collegiate level than at the high school level."

Even as a freshman, White has gotten the opportunity to work as the assistant stage manager for two shows at the collegiate level. She has served as the assistant stage manager for "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" in the fall and will serve the same role for "The Crucible" this semester.

"I had a lot of stage managing experience from the high school level," White said. "People in the theatre department said they needed someone to assistant stage manage 'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.' So I applied and got the position."

White said the role is demanding during productions and she often has to do what people ask of her. Once she figured out the rhythm of the show, she said, "you just have to roll with it."

"People asked me a lot in high school what I was going to do in college and where I was going to go," White said. "But it was only until someone asked me what I wanted to do with the rest of my life did I know that I wanted to do tech. I wanted to assistant stage manage for the rest of my life."

In White's junior year of high school, she was faced with a difficult decision. She had played competitive volleyball since she was young and her high school had won the volleyball state championship five of the six past years, and she was told that, even though she had made varsity, she would see very little playing time.

"I decided I wanted to stage manage, so I had to quit something that I loved," White said. "My senior year in high school, we did 'The Music Man.' It was one of the best performances we ever did, and I was the actual stage manager for that show."

Doing technical support is a completely different experience than actually performing on the stage. Hannah Miller, freshman in theatre

"When I am not a part of a show, I feel bored."

Emily White
freshman in theatre

performance, worked spotlights for "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," and worked under White during the production.

"It was fine working under someone who is the same age as me," Miller said. "I'm not as experienced as White, and I didn't really do tech in high school. So, it was a really good learning experience for me."

Even though these two students are of similar age, Miller was excited for the opportunity to work with White, and vice versa. Miller expressed that it was nice working with White because they both live on the same floor in the same dorm building.

"This was really nice when we were going to practice or coming home from practice," she said. "We got really close during 'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee' because we would walk to practice together or grab a ride home from each other afterwards."

As assistant stage manager for "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," White found a way to balance theatre with other aspects of her life. She finished a 16 credit hour fall semester with a 4.0 grade point average, while also balancing a part-time job at Bramlage Coliseum. She said she felt proud of everything she accomplished this past semester.

"I work well under stress," White said. "When I am not a part of a show, I feel bored. In the moment of actual tech week, all you want to do is sleep. But when production week finally comes, and it's actually happening, that's what I love. I love that feeling of seeing and being a part of the actual production."

In high school, the theatre department is typically segregated based on whether you are on or off the stage, White said. According to her, students in high school don't work as a cohesive unit, even though they should in order for the production to be more successful.

At K-State, however, White said her experience has been different and she has gained the fulfillment of working collaboratively with others to manage a production.

"I loved coming here and seeing so many passionate people," White said. "People here realize that not one aspect of the theatre department is more important than the other."

MACE | Carrying pepper spray provides comfort

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"When I'm walking back from studio in the dark, things get a little scary when I'm by myself," Wells said. "I have a rape whistle, too."

Wells said it wasn't until relatively recently that she considered carrying a can of pepper spray.

"I wasn't even the least bit worried about walking through campus after dark until my studio was on the opposite side of campus," Wells said. "But there's usually a bunch of other people out walking around, which is comforting."

Others, however, don't feel the need to lug around any Mace or pepper spray, and one K-State student said that she feels safe on campus.

When asked if she would ever consider carrying Mace, Rachel Botten, junior in interior architecture and product design, said, "Yeah, if someone gave it to me. I probably wouldn't go out and buy some tomorrow. Plus, it's really bulky to have on my keys."

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Wells
Sophomore, Interior Design

Botten said she feels that there are plenty of alternatives to using a dangerous form of self-defense like Mace.

"I think it's unnecessary and a little bit of an overkill," Botten said. "If anything, I've been told to make a fist and put my keys in between my fingers, as an on-the-spot self-defense tool."

Crime statistics compiled by the Office of Student Life support Botten's feeling of security. According to the annual Campus Security and Fire Safety report, K-State is among the safest universities in the Big 12 Conference. Nevertheless, according to that report, there were six cases of forcible sexual offenses on campus in the year 2010.

Botten also knows about K-State's campus safety services, yet has never felt the need to use any of them or call campus police, much less use a can of pepper spray, or any other personal self-defense item.

"I guess I generally feel safe walking around on campus at night," Botten said. "I've never really had to use any of the safety measures offered to us."

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CITY COMMISSION

City to discuss two key areas at session

Jakki Thompson
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There will be two key areas of discussion tonight at the Manhattan City Commission work session.

The commission will be discussing the Multi-Family Redevelopment Overlay (M-FRO) Central Basin sanitary sewer modeling and capacity findings. There will be recommendations

made to the commission about the actions that should be taken. Commissioners will also discuss the flood plain modeling opportunity to establish future conditions and depth grids for some of the watersheds. This is a part of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Plain remapping process. The work session will take place in the City Commission Room in City Hall tonight at 5 p.m.

Manhattan resident arrested in shooting

Andy Rao
News Editor

The Riley County Police Department received an emergency call from Clayton Burgess on Jan. 15 at approximately 12:30 p.m. reporting a shooting close to the intersection of North Manhattan Avenue and Flint Hills Place.

Officers arrived at the crime scene to find Marcus Cooper had been shot, and that his shooter,

identified as Tyrell Brown, had remained on the scene. Brown resides at the 1400 block of Flint Hills Place.

After investigating and questioning, officers found that Burgess was also targeted and arrested Brown on two counts of attempted second-degree murder. Cooper was taken to Mercy Regional Health Center and is expected to survive. Brown is confined in the Riley County Jail.

THE BLOTTER
ARREST REPORTS

THURSDAY

Philip John Buggs Jr., of Junction City, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Shawn Mitchell Vargo, of the 1000 block of Pottawatomie Court, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,169.

Daniel Michael Marschall, of Lawrence, was booked for three counts of probation violation. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Maria Rose Consentino, of the 300 block of 15th Street, was booked for criminal damage to property and assault. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Darryl Bruce Wheeler Jr., of the 5400 block of Taylor's View Road, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

FRIDAY

Jason Craig Adams, of the 2100 block of Snowbird Drive, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Michael Joshua Bartle, of the 1100 block of Garden Way, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

John James Cantanzaro Jr., of Fort Riley, was booked for disorderly

conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

James Allen Collins III, of Fort Riley, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Christopher Robert Russo, of El Dorado, Kan., was booked for possession of opiates, opium or narcotics. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Shengcao Chen, of the 1100 block of Yuma Street, was booked for employing an illegal alien, theft and battery. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Donald Robert Franklin, of Ogden, was booked for giving a worthless check. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Connor Wellington Knightley, of the 500 block of Fourth Street, was booked for two counts of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$95.

Brian Lewis Archer, of the 2700 block of Tabor Valley Road, was booked for giving a worthless check and probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,124.20.

SATURDAY

Curtis Lee Norman, of the 1600 block of Colorado Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,000.

David Maldonado Jr., of the 3000 block of Claflin Road, was booked

for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Jamour Andre Davis Williamson, of the 2000 block of Blue Hills Road, was booked at 2:18 a.m. for disorderly conduct and battery. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Deborah Lynn Skaggs, of the 3000 block of Gary Avenue, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Daniel Nevells, of Junction City, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Jamour Andre Davis Williamson, of the 2000 block of Blue Hills Road, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$256.

Adam Joseph Boeckman, of Topeka, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Brittany Renane Stilington, of Topeka, was booked for driving a vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions. Bond was set at \$750.

Jordan Shaneka Vashaun, of Junction City, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

Rashed Kh R H Alquoud, of the 1500 block of College Avenue, was booked for driving with a canceled,

suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Ronald Tyler Bicknell, of the 1000 block of Bluemont Avenue, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$30.

SUNDAY

Douglas Haggemiller Steffany, of the 700 block of Crestwood Drive, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Mario Alberto Rey II, of the 1200 block of Newfoundland Drive, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Brian Answorth Willoughby Jr., of Ogden, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Jannette Ann Northrup, of Manhattan, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

Marcel Dontae Williams, of the 1000 block of Bluemont Avenue, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Tyrell Joseph Brown, of the 1400 block of Flint Hills Place, was booked for murder in the second degree. Bond was set at \$50,000.

Compiled by Sarah Rajewski.

DRINKING | Smart decisions, planning can help avoid negative outcomes

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Five drinks may not sound like a lot, because many students are used to going out and getting drunk.

"If you think about it, having a drink every 20 or 30 minutes is enough to get most people pretty hammered," said Lizzie Snell, junior in fine arts.

Snell, who celebrated her 21st birthday last semester, said that many people are

unaware how drunk even a couple of drinks make them.

Arguably worse than the physical risks of binge drinking are the legal ramifications presented by intoxication. According to statistical research by the CDC, habitual binge drinkers report intoxicated driving at a rate 14 times higher than the average person.

In Kansas, the penalty for

a first-time offense of driving under the influence of alcohol is a mandatory minimum stay of 48 hours in prison and at fine from \$500 to \$1,000. However, at the sole discretion of the judge, this sentence may be extended to up to six months of jail time if deemed appropriate.

In addition, perpetrators will face a one-month license

suspension and enrollment in alcohol education courses. For second- and third-time offenses, the penalties become even more drastic.

Even if one does not drive after binge drinking, there can be serious legal trouble involved. Binge drinkers under the age of 21 face minor in possession or minor in consumption charges if caught,

which can be expensive and, unless deferred, will appear on a criminal record. For those of legal drinking age, becoming belligerent or aggressive while intoxicated can still result in criminal charges.

Binge drinking presents a myriad of negative outcomes. While many people choose to kick back and have a cold one, or two, or three, drink-

ing responsibly and legally can help avoid the legal and social drawbacks related to over-consumption of alcohol.

Smart decisions such as having a designated driver, slowing down the rate at which alcohol is consumed and knowing when to stop consuming alcohol can ensure that everyone stays safe and has a great time.

MLK | Event helps spread message

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it's always important to have something worth enough to you to try and make a difference."

Hatfield, who also teaches culture and context at K-State, said he believes service is an important aspect of a youth's development.

"These students are giving up two hours of their time, which may not seem like a lot, but the memories they're forming will definitely be a huge part of their development as a person and will influence their thinking," Hatfield

The reason it is so important to remember MLK and to reflect on his message..."

John Hatfield
assistant director of service projects
at Handson Kansas State

said.

Every bit of time donated to a cause they believe in makes a difference, said Hatfield, and, according to him, it is this type of attitude that carries the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

"The reason it is so important

to remember MLK and to reflect on his message is because he was able to influence change by not only what he said, but also by what he did," Hatfield said. "He showed us that a single life can count, and make an impact. If his life can count, so can mine."

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Kelly McHugh
Sports Editor

For K-State sports, the past month has been a time not only of wins and losses, but of victories, bitter defeats, nail-biters and just about everything in between. While most students were home enjoying the festivities of the holidays, K-State student athletes were playing, training hard and studying their sports, all to represent the purple and the white they wear on their backs.

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University athletics experience wins, losses during winter break

BASKETBALL

DATE	SPORT	GAME	SCORE
12/17/11	Men's Basketball	Alabama	Win 71-58
12/18/11	Women's Basketball	North Dakota State: BTI Invitational, Las Vegas	Win 70-47
12/19/11	Women's Basketball	Northwestern: BTI Invitational, Las Vegas	Win 64-45
12/20/11	Women's Basketball	UNLV: BTI Invitational, Las Vegas	Loss 44-38
12/22/11	Men's Basketball	Southern Illinois: Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic	Win 83-58
12/23/11	Men's Basketball	UTEP: Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic	Win 78-70
12/25/11	Men's Basketball	Long Beach State: Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic	Win 77-60
12/29/11	Women's Basketball	Marist	Win 57-56
12/31/11	Men's Basketball	Howard	Win 82-46
1/4/12	Women's Basketball	Texas A&M	Win 71-69 (OT)
1/4/12	Men's Basketball	Kansas	Loss 67-49
1/6/12	K-State Football	Arkansas: 76th Annual AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic, Dallas, TX	Loss 29-16
1/7/12	Women's Basketball	Kansas	Win 63-57
1/7/12	Men's Basketball	Missouri	Win 75-59
1/10/12	Men's Basketball	Baylor	Loss 75-73
1/11/12	Women's Basketball	Missouri	Win 72-46
1/13/12	Women's Tennis	Georgia: Bulldog Classic	Loss 6-1
1/14/12	Women's Tennis	Troy: Bulldog Classic	Win 6-1
1/14/12	Men's Basketball	Oklahoma	Loss 82-73
1/14/12	Women's Basketball	Texas Tech	Win 62-61

K-State sports gain attention



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With more than 20 events and games this past month, from the men's basketball win over Alabama in the Kansas City Sprint Center to a heart-breaking Cotton Bowl loss, K-State sports have turned the heads of many nationwide. On Christmas Day, we watched as K-State men's basketball defeated Long Beach State and traveled home from the Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic with a first-place trophy, and on New Year's Eve, the K-State football team traveled to Dallas in anticipation of the 76th Annual AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic. The excitement continued as the K-State women's basketball team opened its Big 12 Conference season with a win over the then-No. 9-ranked Texas A&M Aggies followed by an on-the-road win at Kansas. They went on to beat Missouri and No. 10 Texas Tech. With a No. 9 preseason ranking in the Big 12, K-State women's basketball opened their season 4-0, the only undefeated team in the conference besides nationally ranked No. 1, Baylor.

While K-State sports had their share of excitement, they also had their fair share of heartbreak. Men's basketball fell hard to Kansas on the road, 67-49, and suffered a nail-biting 75-73 loss to then-No. 4 Baylor at home. With an on-the-road loss against the Oklahoma Sooners, K-State men's basketball will be looking to get back on track against Texas on Wednesday night. The energized fans traveling to Dallas for the Cotton Bowl showed up in unexpected masses at the Rangers Ballpark for K-State's Cotton Bowl pep rally, but left the city on a different note as K-State lost to Arkansas 29-16. Despite these losses, fans cannot overlook the fantastic seasons both the men's basketball and football teams started out with. Going into January, the men's basketball team was 10-1, their only loss a double-overtime to West Virginia. K-State football, ranked No. 8 in the Big 12 in the preseason, proved critics wrong and ended No. 8 in the nation at 10-3. On Jan. 14, the K-State track and field team held the KSU Invitational, and both men's and women's teams placed first over Oklahoma State, Tulsa and UMKC. Freshman redshirt Erica Twiss had a personal record-breaking time of 8.57 seconds in the women's 60-meter hurdles,

which ranked as K-State's fourth best time in history. Senior Mantas Silkauskas placed first in the men's 60-meter dash with a time of 6.75 seconds. The men's track team is currently ranked No. 11 in the nation. K-State's athletes also had great personal showings over the past month as junior guard Brittany Chambers, captain of the women's basketball team, was named Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Player of the Week, and junior guard Mariah White sunk a new career high of five 3-pointers and scored a career-high 23 points against Missouri on Jan. 11. On Jan. 9, Rodney McGruder, sophomore captain for the men's basketball team, scored a career high of 30 points against Baylor, and the volleyball team's sophomore middle blocker, Kaitlynn Pelger, was named All American by Volleyball Magazine. While to some the end of football season is a sad time of year, there are still plenty of basketball games, track meets and tennis matches in the near future for K-State sports fans to look forward to. February marks the beginning of many sports as well, which include baseball, equestrian, and men and women's golf.

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Season ends with tough loss



K-State head coach **Bill Snyder**, left, walks off of the field with his team for the last time this season after losing to Arkansas, 29-16, in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 6, 2011 in Dallas, Texas. The Wildcats finished the season with a 10-3 record.

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A glass half full

Corbin McGuire
staff writer

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Can a storybook season end in a loss?

The average sports fan would probably say it cannot, but I urge everyone to appreciate the body of work the K-State football team put together this season and not to be prisoners of the moment from the 29-16 defeat the Wildcats took at the hands of an Arkansas Razorback team — a Razorback team whose only two losses on the season are to the teams that played in the Jan. 9 Bowl Championship Series National Championship.

So, K-State was not playing some slouch defense like was seen in the supposedly superior Discover Orange Bowl (cough) Clemson.

Is it OK to feel disappointed about the loss? Definitely. But remember in September when the Wildcats squeaked by Eastern Kentucky and all I heard people say was that the Wildcats would be lucky to finish in their pre-season-predicted eighth place in the Big 12?

Slowly, however, this team began to make believers out of most of the football nation, including myself, after they made the Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III

look, well, human.

Nothing came easy for this team, though; it battled for wins in nearly every game it won this season, winning only twice by more than seven points. It took goal-line stands, a barrage of blocked field goals by Raphael Guidry, four overtimes, a honey badger nickname and sometimes just a little luck for the Wildcats to get the attention and respect of the nation, as well as the well-deserved nickname of The Cardiac Kids.

Bill Snyder pulled what may have been the greatest rabbit-out-of-the-hat trick of his career: piecing together a quarterback who supposedly could not throw with a running back who's too small or a freshman center.

And that's not even including the defensive turnaround, whose pieces came from all over the country. Whether it is Arthur Brown solidifying the linebacker core or the collection of newcomers in the secondary like Nigel Malone, David Garrett or Allen Chapman giving the defense a little swagger, the transformation on defense was unprecedented.

It was not always pretty — actually, most of the time it was not pretty at all — but the team continued to get together and become what Snyder hopes all his teams form: a family.

To see the glass half-full is to see the future for the Wildcats — a future that is “very bright,” according to Guidry.

“They have a lot of good guys coming back,” Guidry said. “They’ve got Collin (Klein) who’s a great leader, and he’s the one to get things together, and BJ Finney — a center and quarterback are coming back. And they have a lot of good talent on defense that they’re bringing back.”

Along with the returning talent, the Wildcats success brings spoils in the form of a \$75 million renovation to the west side of Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

So a team that was supposed to hold down the bottom of the Big 12’s totem pole finished the season 10-3, ranked eighth in the BCS and played in one of the most prestigious bowl games out there, with only three losses to three teams ranked 14th or higher in BCS. I think anyone, including Charlie Sheen, would consider that “winning.”

But bowl trophy or not, this season will always be remembered fondly by Wildcat fans.

I know I won’t forget.

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K-State fans yell in support of their team during the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 6, 2012 in Dallas, Texas. The Wildcats

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BELOW: The K-State cheerleaders led the huge crowd of Wildcat fans at the K-State pep rally, which was held in the Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, Texas.

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BOTTOM LEFT: K-State athletic director **John Currie** smiles inside Rangers Ballpark after he announces the expansion project of Bill Snyder Family Stadium during the K-State pep rally.



A family cheers on the Wildcats during the pep rally in Rangers Ba

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played the University of Arkansas, but when the clock ran out, the Razorbacks prevailed, 29-16.



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llpark the day before the Cotton Bowl.



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ABOVE: **Ty Zimmerman**, sophomore, and **Tysyn Hartman**, senior, reach for the ball while taking out the Arkansas offence during the second half of the Cotton Bowl.

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LEFT: Freshman tight end **Kyle Klein** signs an autograph for 9-year-old **Nakia** at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children on Jan. 5, 2012.



Big 12 Player of the Week shares passion for sport, life as an athlete

Kelly McHugh
sports editor

Named Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Player of the Week on Jan. 9 after two impressive conference season opener games, junior Brittany Chambers has averaged about 24 points per game throughout her collegiate career. This was Chambers' third time as Big 12 Player of the Week, but her first this season.

Chambers came to K-State from Jordan, Minn., and attended Jordan High School. A two-sport athlete throughout her high school days, Chambers played both volleyball and basketball for Jordan and was recruited to play for colleges during her junior and senior year for both sports. Chambers earned numerous achievements in high school basketball, including two all-state selections and a total of 2,828 points, making her Jordan's all-time leading scorer.

"I started playing basketball in fifth grade, but when I was younger, I was more of a volleyball player," Chambers said.

When it came time to decide which sport to play at which college, Chambers said she did not base her decision on the sport, but on the school itself.

"It came down to a volleyball school and a basketball school, and instead of picking by sport, I picked the coaching and the environment I wanted to be in," Chambers said. "I play basketball here because of the school; I love the school, I love the people and I love the coaches. I love the program they have here."

In Chambers' freshman year at K-State, she started 28 of 32 games and averaged 12.1 points per game, the second highest point average on the team that year.

As a sophomore, Chambers started all 32 games of the season and averaged 16 points per game. She was named a unanimous selection to the 2010-11 All-Big 12 first team, and she was also chosen for the 2010-11 Academic All-Big 12 first team selection.

Along with earning Big 12 Player of the Week for the third time, Chambers also scored her 1,000th career point and has averaged 16.3 points per game this season.

Chambers, who is majoring in life sciences, said balancing her responsibilities as a student athlete and as a student took a little getting used to.

"At first, as a freshman, it was really tough," Chambers said. "But now I compare it a lot to people who have full-time jobs in college. I think it's really similar to that, you just have to find a balance that works for you."

As an athlete coming from out of state, Chambers said she quickly adapted to the Kansas lifestyle and enjoys being at K-State.

"It's not as hard as I thought it would be," Chambers said. "My parents are out here for about half the games, so I'm really lucky to have them here a lot of the time. I think the Kansas people are a lot like the people from Minnesota, so culture-



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Junior guard **Brittany Chambers** leads K-State in scoring this season with an average of 24 points per game. After a strong 13-3 start to the season, the Wildcats are now ranked 23rd nationally.

wise, it isn't too different."

In a pre-season interview, K-State women's basketball coach Deb Patterson talked about Chambers.

"She makes shots that I just drop my jaw over," she said.

Today, coach Patterson stands by that thought and believes Chambers is a leader on the court.

"I think Brittany's done a good job of, every year she's been in the program, of maturing in terms of her emotional toughness," Patterson said. "She's less reactive to

the highs and lows of the game, she's more about the next play and making the next big thing happen, being better focused as a player, seeing things, she's beginning to identify things that are happening on the basketball court and how to answer chal-

lenges."

On game days like today, coaches are careful about keeping their players' day well scheduled to prepare them for the evening's game.

"We pretty much have the whole day filled," Chambers said.


"The coaches do a good job at keeping us ready; we have practice in the morning, then we go eat, then we do our chapel."

Every player is given about two hours before the game begins to have a break and do whatever they feel they need to do to pre-

pare themselves for the game.

"I really like to just listen to music and try not to think about basketball as much as a lot of people," Chambers said. "I try to focus on other things, not just basketball, just to keep my mind not freaking out about the game."

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Undefeated in Big 12 play, Wildcats to take on Oklahoma Sooners

Kelly McHugh
sports editor

Coming in to the 2011-12 basketball season, the K-State women's basketball team (13-3, 4-0 Big 12 Conference) was ranked No. 9. However, after a 62-61 victory over No. 10 Texas Tech, the Wildcats are one of only two teams to remain undefeated in their Big 12 Conference season, the other being nationally ranked No. 1 Baylor. The Wildcats are now ranked nationally at No. 23. Tonight, the Wildcats will take on the Oklahoma Sooners (10-5, 2-2) at 7 p.m. in Bram-

lage Coliseum. The Sooners are coming off a loss of 66-63 to Oklahoma State and will have a battle on their hands tonight at tipoff as the Wildcats are determined to keep their perfect season record, especially on their home court. In their last three games, the Wildcats have scored an average game high of 23 points. Each game, however, those 23 points have come from a different player on K-State's roster. Head coach Deb Patterson does not have to worry about having only one player as the superstar on her team; her players have proved they

can compete at a top-notch level and are serious about this season in the Big 12. "I'm really excited about the quality of play that we've been getting from our bench," Patterson said. "They've come in, and in games when we've needed them to sustain our play against great teams, they've done it, and we've pulled on individuals and said, 'Go do this or do that,' they're answering the call. It's going to give us a chance as we continue to compete for the Big 12 season to be a better basketball team." This is the first season since 2007-08 that K-State has been

4-0 in conference play, and the first time in 10 years that K-State has defeated a nationally ranked top 10 team on the road. K-State is connecting shots, keeping a tough defense and making plays this season that are the foundation of their wins, and the Wildcats have strong team chemistry on and off the court. "I think they've really come together well as a team over the course of the season," Patterson said. "I think we have a greater understanding now of one another, what our strengths are, what we're looking for in terms of our

system and what our role is in that system on both ends of the floor. That builds chemistry, and that's always been an important element and we've been successful." Junior captain Brittany Chambers recorded her sixth career double-double in the team's win over Texas Tech with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Chambers has averaged 16.3 points per game this season. Also averaging in the double digits for K-State is senior captain Jalana Childs, who has averaged 15.1 points per game and often meets double defense from oppo-

nents. Not far from a 10-point per-game average is senior Tasha Dickey. Dickey has averaged 9.3 points per game, but went 8-11 from the field and scored 17 points against Texas Tech on Saturday. K-State holds a 48.5 percent scoring average from the field so far during their conference season, compared to Oklahoma's 40.9 percent average from the field. Tonight's game will be aired on FOX Sports Kansas City, however the first 500 students to attend tonight's game in Bramlage Coliseum will receive a free T-shirt.

Sooners look to avoid losing streak, up against strong K-State defense

Spencer Low
staff writer

The No. 23 K-State Wildcats (11-3, 4-0 Big 12 Conference) are coming off a big win at No. 10 Texas Tech and are set to face off against the Oklahoma Sooners (10-5, 2-2) tonight in Bramlage Coliseum at 7 p.m. Oklahoma is led by coach Sherri Coale, who has been head coach of the Sooners for 16 years, the same amount of time head coach Deb Patterson has led the Wildcats. The last time the two coaches met was more than a year ago on Jan. 12, 2011, in Norman, Okla., where K-State suffered a 52-45 loss to the Sooners. Things are looking a little different for tonight's game, though, in comparison to last year's matchup. Coming off a Saturday night thriller in which they handed Texas Tech a 62-61 point loss, K-State is looking to stay perfect in Big 12 play

after their 4-0 start. The upset showed that K-State is here to play and puts them in a tie for first place in the Big 12 with the country's No. 1-ranked team, Baylor. The Wildcats took advantage of Texas Tech's 9-17 free-throw shooting to take their second win over a ranked opponent this season. Oklahoma is coming off a 3-point loss to its rivals the Oklahoma State Cowgirls on Saturday night, and will be looking to defeat the Wildcats tonight in Manhattan. The Sooners, with the Big 12's fourth-ranked scoring offense, will face a tough K-State defense which has allowed the fewest points per game in the Big 12 at 51.4. K-State, which has also held opposing shooters to a 24.8 percent behind the arc, will look to stop an Oklahoma offense that leads the Big 12 in 3-point shooting at 37.8 percent. K-State will have to watch the Sooners' sophomore

guard, Aaryn Ellenberg, who leads her team and sits at fourth in the Big 12 scoring an average of 17.3 points per game and resides behind the Wildcats' own Brittany Chambers in 3-point field goals made. "There's not a lot of programs where a 6'2" kid can step out, get a quick catch and drain a 3, and then the next trip up the floor bury you with 185 pounds in the post," coach Patterson said about Oklahoma's offense. Junior guard Whitney Hand and sophomore guard Morgan Hook join Ellenberg in a strong backcourt for the Sooners as they look to poke a hole in K-State's stout defense. Oklahoma's loss to the

Cowgirls ended on a go-ahead 3-point shot by Oklahoma State with only 28 seconds left to play. The Sooners watched an 11-point second half lead wilt away and were up 63-56 with 2:27 left to play. The Sooners missed all four of their shots from the field the rest of the game and committed two turnovers in the final minutes of play. Oklahoma is averaging 74.4 points per game, which is higher than K-State's 60.9 points per game. Oklahoma holds a 6-5 record for their games away from Norman, and they are 2-2 so far in Big 12 play. Oklahoma's road troubles could continue as the Wildcats, 4-0 in Big 12 play, are undefeated on their home court this season.

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